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London Bureau, FBIS
c/o American Embassy
5 Grosvenor Square
London W. 1, England

Dear [redacted]

Subject: EEC Requests for Reruns

In February of 1955 arrangements were made to have reruns required by the EEC serviced by Headquarters instead of by the Bureau concerned. Frampton will know the background of these arrangements. Reasons given at that time were the less effective communications service to Far East Bureaus, plus added burden on the London Wire Room. In recent months a check of these service requests was made with the following findings:

a. Communications have improved to a considerable degree in the past two years;

b. When this service is rendered, Headquarters must punch up the materials requested; time spent in preparing tapes for transmission very often exceeds the time required to communicate directly with the Bureau concerned, where the tape is immediately available;

For these reasons and because of the undue burden placed upon our Wire Section, we should be pleased if you would discuss this matter with Frampton. If you consider it appropriate, also discuss it with the EEC, and ask that all such service requests be directed to the appropriate Bureau. If, after a trial period, any operational hardship is experienced at your end, please document the matter fully for further consideration here.

Sincerely,

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Acting Chief, FBIS

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